



The U.S. District Court  
Middle District of Pennsylvania

# 2016 Bench/Bar Conference



September 22-23, 2016  
Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA



## **2016 Bench/Bar Conference**

The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania will hold its fourth Bench/Bar Conference on September 22-23, 2016, at the luxurious Skytop Lodge in Skytop, Pennsylvania. In addition to the opportunity to meet and socialize with judges and other members of the bar, we will offer **4.5 hours of CLE credit.**

Conference attire is casual for all Thursday's activities including dinner. Friday's dress code is business casual.

### *Conference Fees*

Space is limited to 150 participants. Because the court is subsidizing a portion of the conference costs from its attorney admissions fund, first preference will be given to attorneys generally admitted to the Middle District bar. The cost of the Bench/Bar Conference is an all-inclusive rate of \$285.00 per participant, and includes conference sessions, overnight accommodations and three exquisite meals (dinner, breakfast and lunch). This fee must be paid in advance to Skytop and is refundable if cancelled prior to September 14, 2013.

Adult guests staying in the participant's room will incur a charge of \$123 per guest, which includes room and meals. Space for guests at conference events is limited and cannot be guaranteed for all events.

Attendance by children is discouraged.

## *Conference Registration and Hotel Check-in*

You must register with the court online at:

[http://courtweb.pamd.uscourts.gov/  
benchbar/index.htm](http://courtweb.pamd.uscourts.gov/benchbar/index.htm)

Deadline for conference registration is September 6, 2016. Note: Past conferences sold out within a couple of days, so immediate registration is strongly suggested.

Upon completing your online registration and receiving an email confirming that you are registered with the court, you must contact Skytop at 855-345-7759 to reserve your room accommodations. Please be sure to mention you are with the "U.S. District Court Middle District" group when calling.

Remember you **MUST** contact Skytop and reserve your room within 48 hours or your registration with the court will expire and you will need to re-register.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM on September 22, 2016. Participants arriving early in the day are reminded that rooms are often not ready until mid-afternoon. Every effort will be made to accommodate early arrivals, but since the Lodge's check-out time is 11:00 AM, early occupancy may not be possible.

### *Optional Day*

Participants may choose to stay up to three days before or after the conference at a specially negotiated rate of \$341.40 per person per day. This rate includes accommodations and three meals in the Windsor Dining Room (tax and service charge included).

## *Contact Information*

Questions concerning the conference may be directed to Roseanne Ruddy at 570-207-5680.

For questions concerning accommodations, activities and equipment rental fees contact Skytop Lodge at 570-595-8908 and ask for Liz Kelso.

Please feel free to explore the other amenities, activities and services available at Skytop Lodge by visiting their [website](#).

The most up-to-date agenda, directions and other information will always be available on the [conference website](#).

## *Pre-Conference Judge-Hosted Activities*

Arrive early on Thursday and take advantage of outdoor activities hosted by Middle District Judges. Unless otherwise noted, all activities will begin at 1:00 p.m.

All skill levels welcome!

**Golf** – Hosted by Chief Judge Conner and Judge Caputo. 18-hole championship golf course. \$37.10 (includes green fees, cart, and tax). The 18-hole championship golf course at Skytop Lodge offers elevated views of Camelback Mountain, The Delaware Water Gap, and the many tiers of the Pocono Mountains. Tee times start at 9:30 a.m.

**Skytop Skeet** – Hosted by Judges Jones and Brann. \$53.00 per shooter (25 rounds and all equipment, tax included, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.). Beginners welcome.

**Ziplining** – Hosted by Judge Kane. Soar through the treetops on Skytop's three thousand foot secure zipline course \$21.20 per person, includes equipment and tax.

**Hiking** – Hosted by Chief Magistrate Judge Carlson. Enjoy Skytop's beautifully groomed hiking trails at no charge.

**Lawn Bowling** – Hosted by Magistrate Judge Mehalchick. Enjoy a classic game with a twist of bowling and bocce for \$6.36 per person, includes equipment and tax.